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REF CAIRO 12326 (NOTAL),

1. DURING THREE-HOUR OTHERWISE UNEVENTFUL INTERVIEW WITH EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF LOCAL WEEKLY AKHAR SA'A, DEPRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY ASSERTED THAT HE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING COUNTER MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM WITH ARAB FONMINS DURING ALC MEETING SEPT 4-6. ACCORDING TO FAHMY, FULL UNDERSTANDING ON TERRORIST ISSUE WAS REACHED AND MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AS INDEPENDENT ITEM EITHER AT OCT 14-17 ARAB FONMINS MEETING OR AT FOLLOWING ARAB SUMMIT. FAHMY NOTED THAT THERE GENERAL ARAB CONSENSUS THAT TERRORISM HAS EXCEEDED ITS LIMIT AND ORIGINAL IMPULSE WAS TO TACKLE ISSUE SOMETIME IN 1977. ARAB FONMINS, ACCORDING TO FAHMY, APPARENTLY NOW TO DISCUSS TERRORIST COUNTER MEASURES SOMEWHAT EARLIER.

2. COMMENT: DISCUSSION OF TERRORISM ISSUE AT ALC EARLY SEPT MEETINGS DOUBTLESS WAS ATTEMPT TO FORGE UNITED ARAB POSITION FOR UPCOMING UN DEBATES ON TERRORISM. FACT THAT FAHMY INDICATED THAT TERRORIST ISSUE TO BE FURTHER DISCUSSED DURING MID OCT ARAB FONMINS AND SUMMIT MEETINGS APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT NO UNIFIED POSITION YET REACHED, PARTICULARLY ON TICKLISH QUESTION OF EXEMPTION OF LIBERATION GROUPS. GIVEN STAND OF LIBYA, PDRY, IRAQ AND ALGERIA, IT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW UNIFIED ARAB POSITION ON TERRORISM CAN BE FORGED, EITHER AT PRESENT OR IN 1977. AS MENTIONED REFTEL, ARAB GROUP WILL PROBABLY WANT TO INCLUDE REF TO STATES (I.E. ISRAEL) THAT ENGAGE IN WHAT THEY CONSIDER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN ANY TERRORISM RESOLUTIONS.
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